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My Dear Wife Hattie

as I wrote you yes-  
terday I got a Letter from you one from  
Father & Oscar and a few lines from Mother.  
You say you are home once more which I am  
glad to hear for now I think you will write  
to me oftener it took nearly a week from  
one Letter to another I like to get them  
as often as twice a week. you say you were  
down to Uncle Joes the night before & took  
my likeness they all thought I was fat and  
chubby & I guess I am. You want I should  
get my likeness taken with my full uniform  
on there is no chance here if I could go up  
to the Post I suppose I might get it there  
but I havnt much money to spare I have about  
\$20. now but every little while I have to use  
a little but then Hattie I will have my lik-  
eness taken if an opportunity presents itself  
you didnt hardly want me to have my hat  
on I think if I was to have my sword Belt  
& scabbard on I ought to have my hat on also  
for then I would be in full dress you know.  
As you say in regard to money if you  
want any you can get all you want of  
your Father or mine or can borrow of some  
body else but if you had been at home  
I had just as live you would have set  
Father hired the money of somebody and  
then you would have had what you wan-  
ted but now the debt is paid to Crummonds  
& you can get what you want which



I want you to do now mind Miss Wife  
I dont know what I will get the next pay  
day but probably only Lieutenant Orderlys  
pay that is if we are paid pretty soon if we  
do get paid I dont know how much I can  
send you for I have to use a good deal  
more than I did before I was Promoted how  
much do you owe your Father now you wrote  
me you owed him a little. but I presume  
you can get more of him and I can pay  
him as soon as I get a payment on my prom  
tion cant say when that will be. You say you  
are going to get you a nice dress have you  
any idea what you will get you do you  
intend to get a silk or some other kind of goods  
that is nice. You say you have written me  
that you wanted to know what I thought  
of your going east with Delia & wish I would  
take a little notice of what you write the first  
I knew of it was what little Delia hinted at and  
what you just wrote I guess you dreamed  
of writing to me for you surely have not  
written me before to my recollection if you  
did I have overlooked it in my reading  
of your Letters. I will say this you must  
act your own judgement in regard to the matter  
but if you dont go & I have luck and get  
around by another fall I think I will try  
and go East but if you go now I should  
nt try and go & perhaps it wouldnt be  
so I couldnt go at all so you do as you are  
amind to about going. you say you can  
go & return for \$20 I guess you wouldnt  
want to start with that but still perhaps  
you could get around with that. What  
time does Delia intend going right away



After her School is out or does she  
intend to wait untill along in the Summer  
I should think she would want to have  
a little time for Sewing. if you go you  
will have to hire Money that is if you go  
right away but if you didnt go untill along  
in the Summer & we should happen to be  
lucky in getting pay then I could send  
you all you would want for buying what  
you might want and money to travel on.  
There is no more prospect of a move now  
than there was in my last Letters we may  
remain here and we may go & Garrison some  
Port I would like that very well but then  
I can go the marching if any of them can  
if I keep as I was last Summer but still  
I had rather lay off somewhere. Oscar thinks  
I have to go to Washington to be mustered out  
& mustered in as a Lieut but we have a  
Mustering Officer to Every Corps so when  
the proper time comes I will be mustered out  
& in right here you say some say I wont get  
pay untill I do get mustered. I cannot  
positively in regard to that matter myself but  
some of the officers tell me I will get my pay  
as a Lieut I am on the last pay Roll as  
a Lieut & was mustered by our Regimental  
Commander as such & for my part I dont  
know as a paymaster is going to ascertain  
or not he takes the Rolls to pay from and  
as long as I appear as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut he  
will ask no questions I hardly think but  
then I presume before I will have any  
chance to get paid as a Lieut I will have  
been mustered out & in & everything all  
straight I am going to speak to the Cdr



to night or in the morning & have  
him hurry up matters if he can. Perhaps  
he cant forward matters any sooner  
I shant know unless I try him on & see  
I have been pumping to night so by tomorrow  
morning I will have to come down stairs  
for my selfie cant walk I came out best  
on three pumps but I dont think I will  
try it again. Lieut Montgomery my Lieut  
was made Capt to night so now probably in a  
month or so I will know who is to be my  
other Chum I hope we will get a good one  
Robinson is the first Ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut  
& four others ahead of me. The Company  
want me to be 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut but then they may  
want of course my rank of course is so far  
back but if I should stay long enough of  
course my turn would come by rank but  
I will try and conduct myself in such away  
that the Colonel will perhaps put me ahead  
but then it may all end in trying but as  
I said before nothing ventured nothing won  
the Officers are going to meet at the Quarter  
Masters at 7 Oclock PM & I must go up there  
so good night Pleasant Dreams & lots of  
kisses your Rodney Good Morning to day is the 19<sup>th</sup>  
so you see I have been ~~two~~<sup>two days</sup> at nothing the next day  
after I commenced this I was Officer of the Day &  
Guard so I was up all day & night busy & yesterday  
I had a pretty hard headache. Last night we had orders  
to be ready at 1 Oclock this morning to march so now I cant  
write but little it is about 4 Oclock. I dont know where  
we are going but I will write the first opportunity I  
dont think we are going a great ways but dont  
know I must close for I have got to pack up &  
get ready I feel well this morning give love to all & lots  
of love & kisses to my Nanny. Good Bye your Hnt J Remondy